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TAGS: OVIP (J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF II), MOPS, IT, PFOR

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECNAV TO ROME

REF: SECNAV 131749Z AUG 74; USDAO ROME 161500Z AUG 74

GIVEN THE FACT THAT ITALY HAS BEEN AN ACCOMMODATING HOST TO U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND AMBIGUITIES OF THE PRESENT MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE EXTRA CAREFUL TO OBSERVE ALL THE NICETIES OF PROTOCOL AND COURTESY TOWARD GOI, ESPECIALLY THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE UNIFORMED SERVICES. THEREFORE, WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOAL OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT IS PRINCIPALLY TO INSPECT U.S. NAVAL UNITS, AND THAT HE HOPED TO AVOID A STOPOVER IN ROME, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES A BRIEF STOP HERE TO PAY OFFICE CALLS ON MINISTER OF DEFENSE ANDREOTTI AND TOP GOI SERVICE LEADERS COULD BE MOST POLITIC AND USEFUL. VISITS WITH ANDREOTTI, CHIEF OF MILITARY STAFF ADMIRAL HENKE, AND CNO ADMIRAL DE GIORGI COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN 90 MINUTES ON AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. IF SECRETARY MIDDENDORF WERE TO ARRIVE IN ROME INSTEAD OF NAPLES WE COULD GET HIM THROUGH THE THREE CALLS AND THEN DOWN TO NAPLES THAT SAME DAY. REMAINDER OF PERIOD SEPT. 13-15 WOULD THEN BE FREE TO INSPECT SIXTH FLEET UNITS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS CHANGE IN SCHEDULE POSSIBLE SO WE CAN WORK OUT DETAILS WITH ALL CONCERNED.

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